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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bayeh et al.

(US006098093A).

3. With regard to *claims 1-3*, Bayeh reference discloses,

- *connecting a participant web browser to a server to obtain the location of configuration information and a unique session identifier for the information;*
(Bayeh, col.11, line 49 – col.12, line 28; modules 320-330, fig.4A; Bayeh teaches of connecting to web servers (to servlets engines in particular) and obtaining the configuration information as well as the session ID of the object)
- *loading a participant software plugin and retrieving a compound document from the location specified in the configuration information; and* (Bayeh, col.9, line 26 – col.10, line 31; col.11, line 49 – col.12, line 28; modules 320-330, fig.4A; Bayeh teaches of connecting to web servers (to servlets engines in particular) and obtaining the configuration information as well as the session ID of the object)

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- *connecting to a portal for gathering the information, wherein the portal directs the participant software plugin to an appropriate server for presentation of the information and the participant participates in the presentation or plays back a recorded presentation.* (Bayeh, col.9, line 26 – col.10, line 31; col.11, line 49 – col.12, line 28; modules 320-330, fig.4A; Bayeh teaches of connecting to web servers (to servlets engines in particular) and obtaining the configuration information as well as the session ID of the object; Bayeh, further, teaches of directing clients' requests to appropriate servers in order to fulfill the requests)

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:
 - Quatrano et al. (US006748420B1)
 - Wood et al. (US006609198B1)
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas Duong whose telephone number is 703/305-1886 or 571/272-3911 (after 11/01/2004). The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30AM - 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Wiley can be reached on 703/308-5221 or 571/272-3923 (after 11/01/2004). The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703/872-9306 for regular communications and 703/872-9306 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703/305-3900 or 571/272-2100 (after 11/01/2004).

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